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In re Patent Application of Michael S. Crone

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Title: COST REACTIVE RESOURCE SCHEDULER AND METHOD

**AMENDMENT**

The Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 29, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, please replace the first paragraph with the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation-in-part application of Application Serial No.

09/129,863 filed August 6, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,154,735, which is a divisional application of Serial No. 08/787,168 filed January 23, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,794,172, which is a divisional application of Serial No. 299,271 filed September 1, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,623,413.--

**Remarks**

A substitute declaration referencing U.S. Patent No. 6,154,735 from which priority is claimed will be submitted forthwith. Figure 2 has been amended to include a "Prior